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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASES FOR TWELFTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH, UP 10.6% IN APRIL, 8.8% IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1990

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 17, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic, led by continuing strong growth in international service, has sustained an increase for the past twelve months. Passenger traffic increased 10.6 percent in April, compared with the same month last year, and was up 8.8 percent for the first four months of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic increased 7.9 percent in April. Available seat miles were up 10.9 percent. The passenger load factor amounted to 60.2 percent, down from 61.8 percent for April, 1989. Passenger enplanements increased 7.2 percent to 33.5 million.

In international service, traffic in April rose 19.6 percent. Available seat miles increased 11.6 percent. The load factor was 68.0 percent, compared with 63.5 percent for April, 1989. 3.2 million passengers were enplaned in April, up 19.1 percent from the same period last year.

For the first four months of 1990, domestic traffic increased 5.7 percent, and available seat miles were up 6.5 percent. The load factor decreased slightly to 59.1 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 5.4 percent, with 128.5 million passengers.

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International traffic for the first four months of 1990 was up 19.6 percent, and the available seat miles increased 12.7 percent. The load factor amounted to 65.9 percent, up from 62.1 percent for the first four months of 1989. The number of passengers increased 14.4 percent to 12.2 million.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1990 - 1989

	APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,247	33,489	7.2	121,904	128,456	5.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	24,880,527	26,853,940	7.9	97,989,445	103,601,399	5.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	40,232,249	44,635,855	10.9	164,679,330	175,364,863	6.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.8	60.2		59.5	59.1	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,706	3,224	19.1	10,689	12,231	14.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,325,794	8,759,769	19.6	27,749,415	33,194,606	19.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	11,530,947	12,873,149	11.6	44,701,835	50,397,228	12.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	63.5	68.0		62.1	65.9	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,953	36,713	8.1	132,593	140,687	6.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	32,206,321	35,613,709	10.6	125,738,860	136,796,005	8.8
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	51,763,196	57,509,004	11.1	209,381,165	225,762,091	7.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.2	61.9		60.1	60.6	

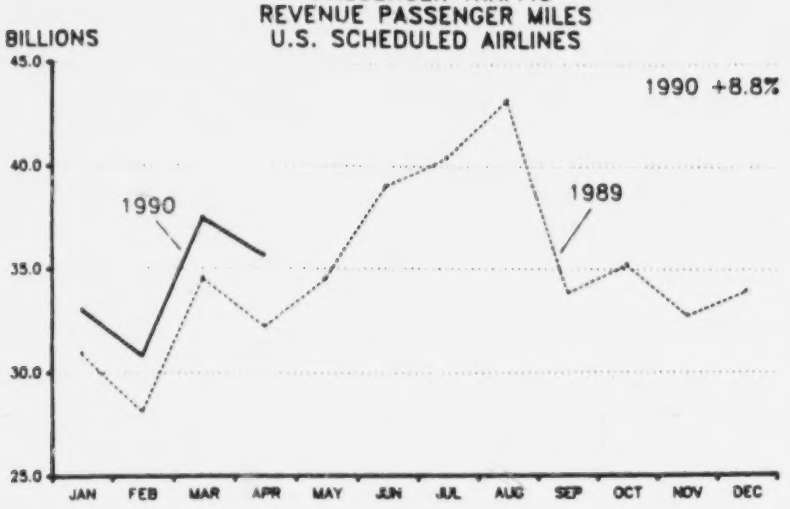
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	30,867,681	55,013,022	56.1	31,797
February	28,129,463	49,505,995	56.8	30,170
March	34,535,395	53,098,952	65.0	36,673
April	32,206,321	51,763,196	62.2	33,953
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	418,986,589	661,011,587	63.4	428,593
Jan - Apr 1989	125,738,860	209,381,165	60.1	132,593
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
TOTAL 1990	136,796,005	225,762,091	60.6	140,687

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
April	10.6	11.1	8.1
Jan - April	8.8	7.8	6.1

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES